

Pakistan Monsoon Floods 2022

Islamic Relief Pakistan



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Pakistan has suffered a huge loss in the recent disaster that wreaked havoc over millions of families all over the country. Being a developing country it has made the worst impacts to the whole nation, one of the worst disaster in decades has left 33 million people affected in 90 districts which have been declared as calamity hit. One in every seven person is affected by the destructive floods leaving millions homeless and with no source of food and clean drinking water. One of the biggest reason behind these floods has been climate change and while Pakistan contributes even less than 1% to the global carbon footprint, it is the 8th worst affected by climate change. The damages by the floods are unimaginable and it could take years for the people to recover from the losses they have suffered.

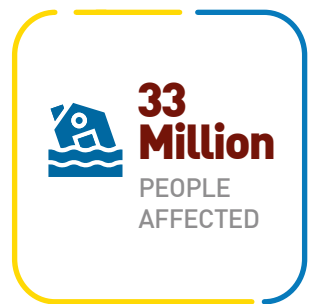
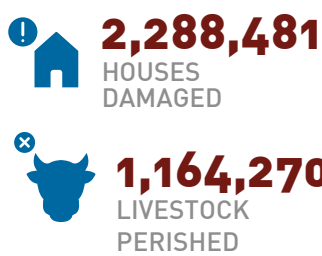
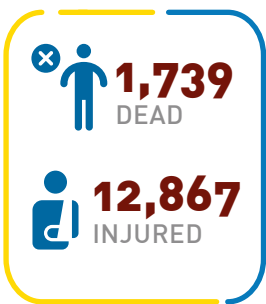
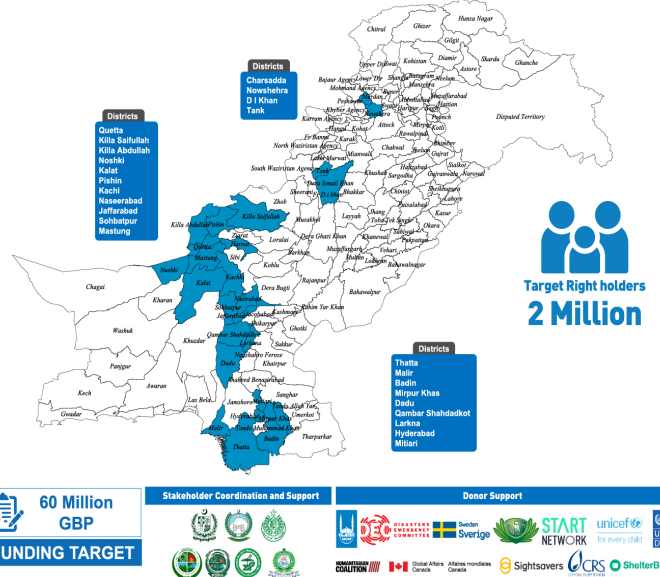
Four months have passed but thousands of families and villages are still under water waiting for some miracle to help them get their homes back. Millions are facing difficulties in providing their families basic necessities as the floods washed away everything they had for survival. Over 12,000 people are injured in the destruction while 1,739 people have lost their lives including 647 children. Almost 2.2 million houses were damaged which left millions living

under the open sky for the past three months. Living in the worst conditions people are suffering risks of dangerous diseases and more than 2,000 health facilities damaged in the whole country due to floods is making it impossible to provide healthcare facilities to many affected communities. More than a million livestock animals have perished which has made it hard for the people to keep their families fed and provide for the basic necessities. Infrastructural damages are making difficulties for the rescue teams and humanitarian organizations to reach the affected areas and do their relief work. With 13,115 KM of roads partially or fully damaged and 439 bridges destroyed, limiting the aid delivery to those in need. The total loss so far that Pakistan has faced is expected be over \$10 billion.

People are facing extreme difficulty in meeting their most essential needs as the inflation increases due to huge loss of standing crops and agricultural lands, resulting in depreciation of the economy. To get back to where Pakistan and these people were before these floods, could take months or even years. That is the amount of damage this country has received. More than 4.4 million acres of crops and orchards have been affected, with at least 304,000 acres in Balochistan, 438,000 acres in Punjab, and over 3 million acres in Sindh while 60,752 acres cultivated area all over the province of KP destroying 97,063 metric tons standing crops and inflicting Rs9.16 billion losses on farmers.

With winters expected to be harsher than before many people still living under the open sky are worried about their families as their homes and villages are either still under water or damaged so much that they are not livable. People are in desperate need of support right now to protect their families.

CEO IRW Waseem Ahmad and Country Director Islamic Relief Pakistan met with the Prime Minister of Pakistan Shahbaz Sharif and Federal Minister, Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Ahsan Iqbal and ensured that Islamic Relief will keep helping the people until they are back on their feet. United nations General Secretary Antonio Guterres visited flood affected areas in Pakistan and met with Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, discussing the situation of affected right now and how the international community can help with the relief work. Making sure that UN will stand with the people who have been affected, he said it is essential for the international community to start noticing the effects of climate change before it's too late.



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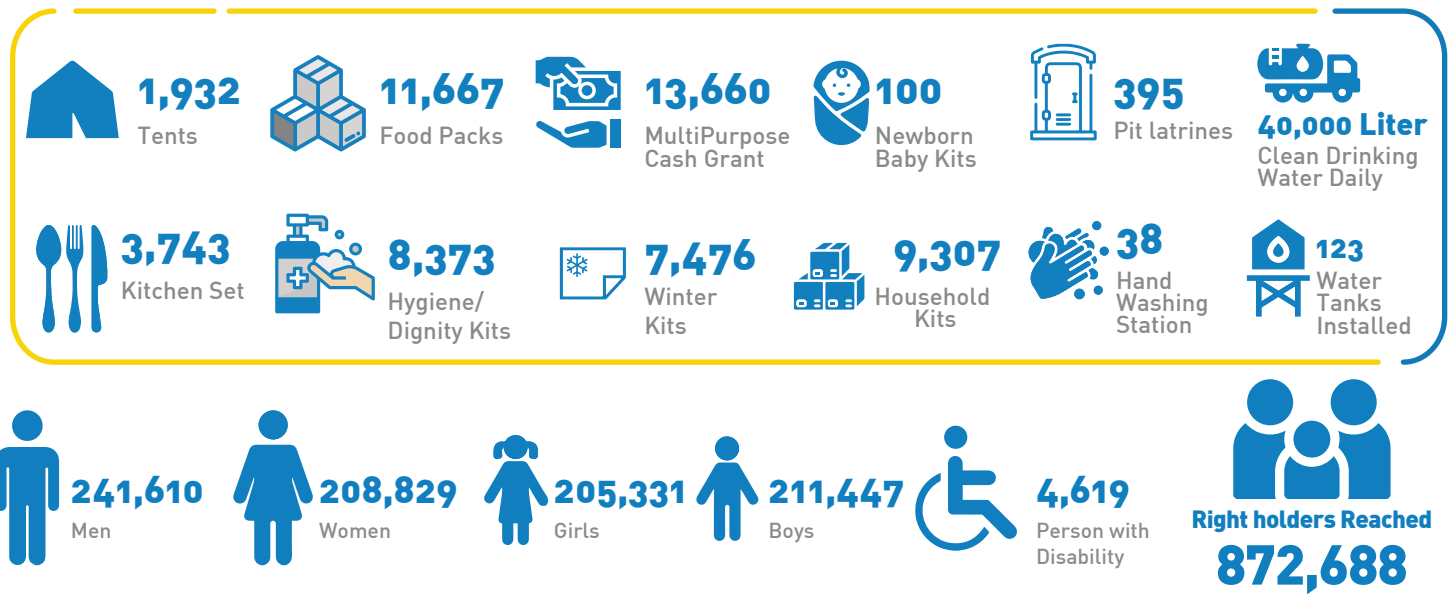
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Islamic Relief has been on the ground providing support to the people for over 4 months. Being the first humanitarian organization that responded to the disaster since 3rd of August in the areas including Nushki, Sohbat Pur and Quetta in Balochistan, District Tank, Nowshera, Charsadda and DI Khan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and in Malir, Karachi, Thatta, Dadu, Qamber Shahdad Kot and Mirpur Khas, Sindh, distributing tents, food packs, drinking water, tarpaulin sheets, hygiene kits, multipurpose CASH grant and Kitchen sets to around 872,688 people, including 453,057 males, 419,631 females and 4,619 Persons with Disabilities.



Living in miserable conditions with nothing to eat after losing their livelihoods and homes, people are in much need. IR was able to provide food packs, kitchen sets, hygiene kits and tents to 232,924 individuals in Noshki, and Quetta, Balochistan in two months. IR is reaching out to 338,853 individuals with food packs, household kits and tarpaulin sheets in Malir-Karachi, Thatta, Dadu and Mirpur Khas, Sindh. So far Islamic Relief has reached to 325,270 people with lifesaving aid in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including food packs, hygiene kits and non-food items.

Deprived of safe and clean drinking water, the people who are in dire need due to floods that swept away everything, Islamic Relief in collaboration with UNICEF has provided over 1,000,000 liters of clean drinking water in the flood affected areas of Dadu and Qamber Shahdad kot in Sindh and DI Khan, Nowshera and Charsadda in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. IR is also providing makeshift latrines and washing stations for the health and hygiene of the communities.

CEO Islamic Relief Worldwide, Waseem Ahmed and Country Director Asif Sherazi visited the flood affected communities in Nowshera and Charsadda along with British High Commissioner for Pakistan, Dr. Christian Turner, British Member of Parliament, Naz Shah and Board member Dr. Arif Pathan overviewing the distribution and the teams working on frontlines for the people. They also distributed food packs among the affected people and also discussed the situation with government officials to strengthen the partnerships and increase the response of relief work.

At the time of disasters, collaboration is key in helping the communities. Islamic Relief in collaboration with Shelter Box has distributed shelter kits among the affected communities in Sindh. The kits include, family tents, solar lights and other essential items that are important requirements at this time. With this, thousands of people are able to provide their families with a temporary shelter and meet their most essential needs.

A delegation from Islamic Relief USA including President Anwar Khan, visited the flood affected communities in Sindh and Balochistan while witnessing the devastations done by the floods in the recent disaster. They appreciated the efforts of front line workers and the way needs of the people are being met. Anwar Khan also witnessed the distributions of hygiene kits and NFIs in MirPur Khas and Noshki.

Islamic Relief has also provided permanent shelters to the people who lost their houses in Balochistan as the winters there are already set in and it gets extremely hard for the people to survive without a permanent shelter. Most of the shelters have been delivered to the people after completion as the winters are expected to be harsh this year and many other shelters will be completed in a few weeks for the families.

Islamic Relief and UNDP have joined hands for helping the people who have suffered huge losses in the recent floods. The partnership will

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create income opportunities for households affected by floods & support the construction of community. People are being provided cash for work opportunities while they rebuild their homes that were destroyed by the floods along with irrigation channels which will help in agricultural activities.

After reaching the milestone of providing aid to more than half a million people, Islamic Relief is ready to serve a million more and with winters already here, Islamic Relief has started distributing winterization kits in the seasonal program for winters which is focused on the people who got affected by the floods and are deprived of basic facilities to protect them from the harsh winters ahead. We are distributing blankets, warm clothes, and other essentials for the winters in all the areas that are affected the most in Balochistan, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Working together with Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), Islamic Relief is providing lifesaving aid for the people in DI Khan, including blankets, food packs, hygiene kits, which are still essential for the people who were affected by the floods. Winters already making it difficult for the people and Islamic Relief along with Tzu Chi foundation is distributing food packs and mosquito nets among the communities for their health and safety in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Balochistan.

Early recovery and Rehabilitation

The early recovery period of the floods has gradually started in the most prone areas especially for the health and hygiene, food security, safety and shelter, protection and safeguarding, of the affected. Millions have lost their homes and shelters in the floods and it is impossible to live or work in those constructions. For this exact purpose, Islamic Relief is going to provide semi-permanent or permanent shelters for the people to have a roof on their heads and take a step towards their life and start a living.

Rehabilitation and Livelihoods

Another huge need right now is for the people to earn their livelihoods as everything they had has been taken by the floods, and Islamic Relief is all set to rehabilitate indigenous irrigation water harvesting structures and di-silting/rehabilitation of kachaa irrigation channels through cash-for-work, food-for-work, and food-for-assets interventions in the flood-affected areas. Capacity building of farmers on resilient agriculture and good livestock management practices will also be in the steps towards a resilient lifestyle for the affected.

Rehabilitation of damaged shops/business i.e. facilitation in the development of small & medium enterprises will help the people in earning their livelihoods and feed their families with a decent meal and provide shelter and education to their children.

And for the people to have a proper roof on their heads and a shelter for their families, Islamic Relief has started working on providing shelters just like after 2010 floods. The houses will be built in the worst affected areas of Balochistan, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. As winters approach, and people still living under the open sky without any shelter, their situation could get worse if proper steps are not taken quickly and for this reason Islamic Relief has started working on permanent shelters for the affected communities and the ground breaking ceremony has taken place in Balochistan where the construction is beginning. Islamic Relief distributed shelter kits among the affected and aims to help reconstruct 4600 permanent shelters for the people to protect their families from the winters up ahead.

Hygiene and Sanitation

Due to huge increase in the number of infected by water borne diseases it is extremely important for the aid agencies to focus on health and hygiene issues that have been increasing in the affected areas. Islamic relief is conducting WASH based sessions for the communities and building make shift latrines for the people to keep their children and families safe in the time when the risk of being infected is huge. Due to no clean drinking water, and food for the daily needs, people are on the verge of another great disaster. Distributing food and clean drinking water on daily basis is also helping the communities restore their normal lives.

Psychosocial Support

For the communities that have been hit hard by the floods, Islamic relief has started providing psychosocial support, especially for the women who are under a trauma since they lost everything that took their whole lives to make. To help them get back to their normal lives, psychological support is much needed. Islamic relief's psychological support will help the communities regain their health and start living as they deserve and have always lived.

Temporary Learning Centres (TLC)

For the children that were ready to start as new chapter in their schools, have lost a huge part of their childhood as they saw their institutions washed away. Not knowing when they will get to go back to their schools and continue with their studies, children are looking for an opportunity to learn and keep progressing. And Islamic relief has built Temporary Learning Centers for the school going children so that they do not lag behind in their learning procedure.

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Challenges

Islamic relief reaching out to as many people as possible who have been affected by the floods but due to many issues it has been much difficult for the aid workers to reach the families that have been stranded on roads and provide them with aid. Even though the major floods have passed but the water is still standing there, with no way of reseeding.

The distribution points in many districts are at places that are remote and not many people have access to it except those who are living there and affected by the floods. With all connection lost, electricity and communication is also affected which makes it impossible for the aid workers to help the people after dark and contact anyone in case of emergency.

The places that are still under water especially in Sindh and KP, are seeing rise in Dengue cases and other diseases are also spreading rapidly. If nothing is done soon for these people, a sudden outbreak of water Bourne diseases could be difficult to handle in these areas, as there are no medical facilities or camps enough to cater a large number of people. With no access to health facilities even the teams working for relief and recovery of the affected are under the threat of getting affected by the diseases.

It has been reported that the trucks that were carrying relief items for the people who are in dire need were looted on their way, with many still stuck on the roads waiting to get cleared of waters to reach the affected. Safety and security of the aid workers is at risk and many NGOs reportedly stopped working in remote areas where there is no way of providing security to the people.

Current Funding Commitment

So far we have received funding and commitments of approximately GBP 23.7 Million from IR Partners and donors. We would like to thank IR Partners and donors for all the interest and funding commitments for Pakistan and we encourage you to continue providing support as we undertake a major scale up of response activities in future.



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